for tobacco product makers to specify the level of 'tar' and 'nicotine' content on cigarette packs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way the proposed display of harmful contents/ ingredients on the packs would dissuade cigarette smokers from smoking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government has enacted "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and regulation of trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" on 18th May 2003 which *inter-alia* contains provision for mandatory indication of levels of tar and nicotine contents alongwith the maximum permissible limits on the packs of cigarettes and other tobacco products. The provision will come into force once the rules are finalized and Government notifies the date. The objective of this provision is to inform the consumers about the harmful contents of tobacco and to discourage them from using tobacco products.

Ayurvedic degree college, Chhattisgarh

†1698. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to strengthen the Ayurvedic degree college in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Development of Institutions of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy, financial assistance has been given to strengthen the educational infrastructure in Chhattisgarh as follows:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the college	Amount given	Purpose	Year of assistance
N.P.A. Govt. Ay. College, Raipur	42.00	To strengthen edu. infrastructure	2003-04
Govt. Ay. College, Raipur	03.83	To strengthen edu. infrastructure	2003-04
N.P.A. Govt. Ay. College, Raipur	10.00	To strengthen edu. infrastructure	2003-04
N.P.A. Govt. Ay. College, Raipur	90.00	To strengthen edu. infrastructure	2004-05

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